Proclamation 6962 of December 2, 1996

To Implement the United States-Israel Agreement on Trade in Agricultural Products

By the President of the United States of America A Proclamation

- 1. On April 22, 1985, the United States entered into the Agreement on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Israel ("the FTA Agreement"), approved by the Congress in the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 ("the FTA Act") (19 U.S.C. 2112 note).
- 2. The United States and Israel acknowledge that they have differing interpretations as to the meaning of certain rights and obligations in the FTA Agreement, in particular with respect to market access for certain United States agricultural products. In order to maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions with respect to agricultural trade with Israel, on November 4, 1996, the Government of the United States entered into an agreement with the Government of Israel concerning certain aspects of trade in agricultural products, effective December 4, 1996, through December 31, 2001 ("the 1996 Agreement").
- 3. Section 4(b) of the FTA Act provides that, whenever the President determines that it is necessary to maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions with respect to Israel provided for by the FTA Agreement, the President may proclaim such withdrawal, suspension, modification, or continuance of any duty, or such continuance of existing duty-free or excise treatment, or such additional duties as the President determines to be required or appropriate to carry out the FTA Agreement.
- 4. Pursuant to section 4(b) of the FTA Act, I have determined that it is necessary, in order to maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions with respect to Israel, to provide through the close of December 31, 2001, access into the United States customs territory for specified quantities of certain agricultural products of Israel free of duty or certain fees or other import charges.

5. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2483)("the 1974 Act"), authorizes the President to embody in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") the substance of the relevant provisions of that Act, and of other acts affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including the removal, modification, continuance, or imposition of any rate of duty or other import restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including but not limited to section 4 of the FTA Act and section 604 of the 1974 Act, do hereby proclaim:

- (1) In order to implement aspects of the 1996 Agreement with the Government of Israel concerning certain aspects of trade in agricultural products, the HTS is modified as provided in the Annex to this proclamation.
- (2) Any provisions of previous proclamations and Executive orders that are inconsistent with the actions taken in this proclamation are superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.
- (3) The modifications to the HTS made by the Annex to this proclamation shall be effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the dates set forth in such Annex, and the tariff treatment set forth therein shall be effective as provided in such Annex through December 31, 2001.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

ANNEX

TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL CONCERNING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after December 4, 1996, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") is modified as follows:

- Subheadings 0401.30.75, 0403.90.78 and 0405.10.20 are each modified by inserting in the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn the expression "See 9908.04.01 (IL)".
- Subheadings 0402.10.50 and 0402.21.25 are each modified by inserting in the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn the expression "See 9908.04.03 (IL)".
- 3. Subheadings 0406.10.08, 0406.10.18, 0406.10.28, 0406.10.38, 0406.10.48, 0406.10.58, 0406.10.68, 0406.10.78, 0406.10.88, 0406.20.28, 0406.20.33, 0406.20.39, 0406.20.39, 0406.20.39, 0406.20.48, 0406.20.53, 0406.20.63, 0406.20.67, 0406.20.71, 0406.20.75, 0406.20.79, 0406.20.83, 0406.20.87, 0406.20.91, 0406.30.18, 0406.30.28, 0406.30.38, 0406.30.48, 0406.30.53, 0406.30.63, 0406.30.67, 0406.30.71, 0406.30.71, 0406.30.72, 0406.30.72, 0406.30.73, 0406.30.79, 0406.30.73, 0406.30.79, 0406.90.72, 0406.90.72, 0406.90.72, 0406.90.72, 0406.90.72, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.72, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.73, 0406.90.74, 0406.90.78, 040
- 4. Subheadings 1202.10.80, 1202.20.80, 2008.11.35 and 2008.11.60 are each modified by inserting in the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn the expression "See 9908.12.01 (IL)".
- Subheading 2105.00.20 is modified by inserting in the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn the expression "See 9908.21.01 (IL)".
- 6. New subchapter VIII, with the notes and tariff provisions set forth below, is inserted at the end of chapter 99:

"SUBCHAPTER VIII

TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL CONCERNING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

U.S. Notes

- 1. This subchapter contains temporary modifications of the provisions of the tariff schedule established pursuant to the United States' agreement with Israel concerning certain aspects of trade in agricultural products, dated November 4, 1996. Products of Israel eligible for benefits of the agreement when imported into the customs territory, and described in the provisions of this subchapter for which questicative limits are prescribed along with rates of duty followed by the symbol "(IL)" are herein provided, are subject to duty under the provisions and at the rates set forth in this subchapter in lieu of the rates provided therefor in chapters! I through 97 in rates of duty collowed by the subchapter in lieu of the rates provided therefor in chapters! I through 97 in rates of duty collowed and the subchapter in the tariff schedule, eligible products of Israel shall be permitted to enter the United States to the attent and at the duty rates herein provided. No goods entered under the quantitative limits set forth in this subchapter shall be counted toward any quots or tariff-rate quots provided for such goods elsewhere in the tariff schedule. No other preferential tariff restament provided for elsewhere in the tariff schedule. No other preferential tariff restament provided for elsewhere in the tariff schedule. No other preferential tariff treatment provided for elsewhere in the tariff schedule. No other preferential tariff prestament provided for elsewhere in the tariff schedule shall be afforded to goods described in the provisions of this subchapter. Unless otherwise provided, the provisions and notes in this subchapter are effective as to such products of Israel that are satered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after December 4, 1996, and through the close of December 31, 2001, after which date this subchapter shall cesse to apply to any goods entered after that date.
- 2. Wherever goods are described by a provision of this subchapter and accorded a temporary modification of the otherwise applicable duty or quote treatment from chapters 1 through 97 of this schedule, the reporting number, in the absence of specific instructions providing otherwise, shall be the appropriate statistical reporting number for the basic provision (the appropriate provision for classification purposes in chapters 1 through 97) preceded by the appropriate subheading number from this subchapter. For statistical purposes, both the basic provision statistical reporting number and the applicable subheading number from this subchapter shall be collected by the United States Sureau of Cemaus.

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The aggregate quantity of butter, and fresh or sour cream containing over 45 percent by weight of butterfat, that are eligible products of Israel entered under subheading 9908.04.01 during any period specified in this note shall not exceed the quantity specified below.

Applicable time period	Quantity (km)	
Dec. 4-Dec. 31, 1996	300,000	
Calendar year 1997	315,000	
Calendar year 1998	331,000	
Calendar year 1999	347,000	
Calendar year 2000	365,000	
Calendar year 2001	383.000	

4. The apprepare quantity of dried milk, whether or not containing added auger or other sweetening matter, that are slightle products of larged entered under sucheeding 9908.04.03 during any period specified in this note shall not exceed the quantity specified below.

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The aggregate quantity of choose and substitutes for choose that are eligible products of largel entered under subheading 9908.04.05 during any period specified in this note shall not exceed the quantity specified below.

Applicable time period	Quantity (kg)	
Dec. 4-Dec. 31, 1996	1,000,000	
Celender year 1997	1,053,000	
Calendar year 1998	1,107,000	
Calendar year 1999	1,162,000	
Calendar year 2000	1,220,000	
Calendar year 2001	1,279,000	

The aggregate quantity of peanuts that are eligible products of Israel entered under subheading 9908.12.01 during any period specified in this note shall not exceed the quantity specified below.

Applicable time period	Quantity (k)
Dec. 4-Dec. 31, 1996	100,000
Calendar year 1997	103,000
Calendar year 1996	106,000
Calendar year 1999	109,000
Calendar year 2000	113,000
Calendar year 2001	116,000

For the purposes of this note, imports of pearuts in the shell shell be charged against the quantities in this note on the basis of 75 kilograms for each 100 kilograms of pearuts in the shell.

The aggregate quantity of ice crees that are eligible products of Israel entered under subheeding 9908.21.01 during any period specified in this note shall not exceed the quantity specified below.

Applicable time period	Quantity (11)	
Dec. 4-Dec. 31, 1996	251,670	
Calendar year 1997	276,837	
Calendar year 1998	304,521	
Calendar year 1999	334,973	
Calendar year 2000	368,470	
Calendar year 2001	405,317	

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	: Eligible products of Israel under the terms of :	
	: note 1 to this subchapter:	
9908.04.01	: Provided for in subheading 0401.30.75, :	
	: 0403.90.78 or 0405.10.20 and subject to the :	: :
	: quantitative limits specified in U.S. note 3 :	
	: to this subchapter	: Free (IL) :
9908.04.03	: Provided for in subheading 0402.10.50 or :	
	: 0402.21.25 and subject to the quantitative :	
	: limits specified in U.S. note 4 to this :	: :
	: subchapter:	: free (IL) :
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9908.04.05	: Provided for in subheading 0406.10.08, :	
	: 0406.10.18, 0406.10.28, 0406.10.38, 0406.10.48,:	1 1
	: 0406.10.58, 0406.10.68, 0406.10.78, 0406.10.88,:	
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	: 0406.20.91, 0406.30.18, 0406.30.28, 0406.30.38,:	
	: 0406.30.48, 0406.30.53, 0406.30.63, 0406.30.67,:	
	: 0406.30.71, 0406.30.75, 0406.30.79, 0406.30.83,:	
	: 0406.30.87, 0406.30.91, 0406.40.70, 0406.90.12,:	1 1
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	: 0406.90.48, 0406.90.54, 0406.90.68, 0406.90.74,:	
	: 0406.90.78, 0406.90.84, 0406.90.88, 0406.90.92,:	
	: 0406.90.94, 0406.90.97 or 1901.90.36 and :	
	: subject to the quantitative limits specified :	
	: in U.S. note 5 to this subchapter:	: Free (IL) :
9908.12.01	: Provided for in subheading 1202.10.80, :	
	: 1202.20.80, 2008.11.35 or 2008.11.60 and :	
	: subject to the quantitative limits specified :	
	: in U.S. note 6 to this subchapter	: Free (IL) :
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9908.21.01	: Provided for in subheading 2105.00.20 and :	
	: subject to the quantitative limits specified :	
	: in U.S. note 7 to this subchapter	: Free (IL)":

Proclamation 6963 of December 5, 1996

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 1996

By the President of the United States of America A Proclamation

Fifty-five years ago, on a calm Hawaiian morning, Imperial Japan launched a surprise attack against the U.S. Armed Forces stationed at Pearl Harbor, shattering the peace of our land and drawing America into World War II. The assault of December 7, 1941, lasted only two hours, but it killed or injured almost 3,600 Americans, destroyed a major portion of our Nation's Pacific Fleet, and damaged more than 325 aircraft, severely weakening our air power.

The attack jolted our Nation and forced us into a war unlike any previous conflict, waged across the globe in places most Americans had never heard of, in dense jungles and on an ocean we once thought too large for an enemy to cross. It was a war that would require unparalleled courage and determination from soldier and civilian alike, and all Americans rose to the monumental challenge.

During this time, our Nation stood united in purpose and in spirit as never before. Millions of brave and patriotic men and women served the Armed Forces in the struggle for freedom; millions of others sac-